Letters to the Editor

Superior Race?

This racial discrimination that is taking place in our city is disgusting. Myself and other Canadian-born people feel the same towards this foolish behavior. Referring to the Jan. 8 Colonist, for example, Mr. Woodburn mentioned that it is necessary to protect the club members against sitting next to "a Hindu or someone." Who does he mean by saying "Hindus or someone?" The way he says it, it's as if we are animals.

How would he or any other racial prejudice person feel if the shoe were on the other foot, and they were the ones barred from doing something in our Far East?

These types of people are the ones greatly responsible in starting racial rebellions and some action should be taken immediately to prevent these racial incidents in Victoria.

How good does a colored person have to be to be accepted in this make-believe superior race?

BUNCY BEADALL.

583 Dupplin Road.

Dew Line Useless

What use the DEW line when a Sputnik armed with atomic bombs could wash it out in less than 10 minutes?

Millions have been spent upon it, not only by Canada but also by the U.S. and it's no more use today than a finger guard is to a sore thumb.

I'm anything but a Commie, but from the point of view of economics in my estimation it has been a waste of both time and money, with 10 times our national income spent upon useless defence, which already is proven obsolete by science. Another bitter pill for every taxpayer in Canada to swallow.

W. A. HOLLAND.

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The Maple Leaf Forever

Just now there appears to be a controversy regarding the correct wording of "O Canada." Evidently the children of today at least know the words and music to this song.

I would like to suggest that every child attending school in Canada also be taught that soul-thrilling, spine-tingling song "The Maple Leaf Forever." I was astounded when our daughter, a grade 6 pupil, informed me that she had never heard the song until she attended the miraculous Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride show. Questioning her about what songs she did sing at school. She repied "We don't sing."

I will always remember the happy hours we spent singing (while a pupil at the same school, McKenzie Ave.) under the able leadership of Mr. Charles Ozard, our sixth and seventh grade teacher. Never a day passed by that we did not sing.

Of all the many songs we learned at school, this stimulating song "The Maple Leaf Forever" stands out in front.

(Mrs.) ETHEL LOUDOUN.

3781 Casey Drive.

Getting Out of Hand

I think this racial question is getting away out of hand. Chinese, Negro, Hindu, etc., pay the same taxes as anyone else and are entitled to the same consideration. It seems the only place they can go without someone griping is into the army.

It has been my experience with Chinese that you always know just where you stand and I have yet to meet one who will not tell you to your face just how he feels.

I have heard the same sort of remarks about immigrants, and I'm sure if these people went back a few years they would find in most cases their parents were immigrants themselves.

I say, let's try to treat everyone, regardless of color or creed, as our equal, as they were created and intended.

(Mrs.) M. C. STATION.

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Letting George Do It

Democracy, says the Daily Colonist, as a way of life is not easily come by. And it gives the rightful warning—"It must be cherished." But this cherishing is up to the people, and everywhere the people are steadily refusing to think, steadily giving up their right to personal opinion, and are letting "George" make their decisions for them.

Just a few days ago, the Colonist cited the case of a man who dared to think, and then to say what he thought. For this breach of conformity or lack of compliance, Mr. Argyle was severely reprimanded, and told he is not supposed to act so.

We see what is happening in France, in Spain, in Cuba, in apartheid South Africa, and, as noted in your editorial, all over the globe, including Canada, where the majority of our people are being told what to do and think by radio, television, political speeches, party papers and many churches, which are allowing democracy to slip out the back door, while admitting at the front bureaucracy and authoritarianism to take over.

L. J. PEPPER.

1085 Verrinder Ave.

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Another Courtesy Driver

Transport Chief Stresses Safety

Naval transport supervisor Peter Allen, of 868 Parklands Drive, has been picked by Esquimalt police as Greater Victoria's second courteous driver for 1959.

Police Chief Gilbert Stancombe paid high tribute to Mr. Allen's driving.

"Mr. Allen's good manners in driving are reflected among the other drivers, whom he supervises, at the transport department at HMC Dockyard, where he places strict emphasis on courtesy and safe driving," he said.

"They can make all the laws they like," Mr. Allen said, "but until they instil courtesy in all drivers the laws will be no use at all."

Mr. Allen won two tickets to a home game of the Victoria Cougars and will receive a certificate signed by Chief Stancombe.

The police forces of Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt, together with Woodward Stores (Victoria) Ltd., Frigidaire Ltd., The Daily Colonist and the Victoria Hockey Club (1957) present courtesy awards to deserving Greater Victoria drivers.

Market Shop Needs Home

Junior Auxiliary to Royal Jubilee Hospital asked city council yesterday for help in finding a suitable new location for its Thrift Shop, now in the Public Market building, which likely will be torn down in the spring.

Principal's Case Studied

Pupils Go Back

LITTLE CURRENT, Ont. (CP) — Some 60 students returned to their desks at Little Current high school yesterday, satisfied that their one-day strike Friday produced results.

The students had stated they would not return to school until principal H. W. Becking was fired, because he was incapable of carrying on his duties.

Dean Lockyer, a grade 13 student, said yesterday: "We have been told that the situation now is in the hands of the department of education and the Ontario Secondary Teachers Federation. We hope it will be cleared up soon."

Mr. Becking, who also teaches, said he has prepared a report for the board of education.

The situation apparently dates back to before Christmas when four teachers on the staff suggested Mr. Becking was not well enough to continue with his duties.

Parents said they were told the principal had reprimanded teachers in front of classes, some teachers made disparaging remarks about Mr. Becking and one girl was disturbed by the principal's habit of "coming ranting and raving into a classroom."

In Toronto, students and teachers at R. H. King Collegiate said Mr. Becking was a "sterling gentleman and an excellent teacher" when he taught there two years ago.

Raft Capsizing Inquiry

Pond Death 'Accidental'

A coroner's inquiry has ruled "accidental" the death by drowining Saturday afternoon of David Fink, 8, of 7036 East Saanich Road.

The boy drowned in a small pond across the road from his home when a raft on which he, another boy and a dog had been playing, capsized. Hugh Wood of 7022 East Saanich, the other boy, was saved when he grabbed his dog's collar and was dragged by the animal to safety.

A third boy with them, Stewart Fyfe, 8, of 3440 Quadra left the raft before it went into the middle of the pond and tipped over.

Said coroner Dr. E. C. Hart: "It was just a mix-up — three boys and a dog and a raft. You can't blame any party for a thing like this."

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Sands' funeral home. It has been requested that no flowers be sent but memorial donations may be made to the Greater Victoria Association for Retarded Children, 5575 West Saanich Road.

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Dead are Wayne Newell, 4 and his brother Robert, 3. Their mother was injured as she jumped from an uper storey window.

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The true story of one small borrower... and 'MY BANK'

A few weeks ago, Julian Janvrin, an Englishman by birth now living in Toronto, came upon this headline in his daily newspaper: "Bank of Montreal Deposits Top the Three Billion Mark". A depositor at the B of M since shortly after his arrival in Canada five years ago, Mr. Janvrin was prompted by the headline to write a letter to Gordon R. Ball, president of the B of M, outlining his experiences as both a depositor and borrower at Canada's first bank. We thought Mr. Janvrin's story of his struggle against adversity was worth repeating, and with his permission, have made it the basis of this advertisement.

The Success Story of Julian Janvrin...

Julian Janvrin is the last person in the world to say that his is a success story. We think it is. But you can judge for yourself.

FIVE YEARS AGO, shortly after his arrival in Canada with his wife and three children, Mr. Janvrin had occasion to cash a cheque at his local B of M branch in Toronto. "Although I had told the manager that I was just an immigrant," he recalls, "he invited me to open an account, and it was gratifying to me to feel that my confidence in the future of Canada was reciprocated by the Bank of Montreal. Two or three weeks later I opened an account at that branch."

Like most newcomers to Canada, Mr. Janvrin had only enough capital when he arrived to get himself settled, and eventually he found himself short in meeting the final payment on his car, which was essential in his new job as a salesman. So he talked over his problem with his B of M manager, who considered him a good enough risk to advance him the money he needed.

But let Mr. Janvrin continue the story in his own words:

"I mention this because bankers are sometimes charged with being little more than moneylenders and usurers, but in this instance, I knew that the Bank of Montreal was acting as it were on behalf of the people of Canada in helping me to get established in much the same way as in pioneer days the Bank of Montreal must have advanced funds to immigrants to purchase seed, a few implements and maybe a team of horses.

An average Canadian family, Mr. & Mrs. Janvrin and the two younger children relax at TV in their comfortable Toronto apartment.

"Soon afterwards I gave up selling, disposed of the car and took a regular job by night, while my wife by day quite literally took the holes out of doughnuts. One of us was able always to be with the children, two of whom were not then of school age.

"Fifteen months later we decided to obtain cheaper rental accommodation outside Toronto. A car, however, would then be essential. Again the bank went along with us.

"Two years ago the landlord of the house we were renting decided to sell the house. Again the Bank of Montreal helped us and advanced the down payment that prevented our home being sold over our heads.

"Get to know your banker," says Mr. Janvrin. "Your best collateral is his confidence." A spare-time free-lance writer, he spends many evenings at his typewriter while the children study.

"This summer my son, having passed through six grades in three years at public school, sat for the competitive entrance examination to a school for which I would have to pay an annual fee . . . For this, too, I am in large measure indebted to the Bank of Montreal, for in June my financial circumstances were such that had I not been confident of my banker's support, I might not have ever considered sending him to this school.

"We have now again moved into Toronto to be nearer the school, but our circumstances have improved, inasmuch as our teenage daughter has now left high school of her own wish and is now working; and as the two younger children are now at school, my wife in the New Year will be in a position to take an office job.

"This is not a success story, for the struggle, believe me, is still on. But our bank account is now in better shape than it has been for the past five years and will now perhaps bear scrutiny.

"I am now, therefore, at last in a position to write to thank My Bank and in particular my bank manager, for the confidence it placed in us and for the help, encouragement and courtesy it has always extended to us.

Nine-year-old Robert Janvrin, seen with his younger sister, Patricia, is a student at one of Canada's top preparatory schools, thanks to a timely B of M Personal Loan.

"To me it is no surprise that the deposits of the Bank of Montreal should have topped the 3-billion mark, for although from the short term point of view I myself am not yet in a position to make large deposits, it may well be from the long term point of view, that my son, as a representative of the coming generation, may be in a position to do as other sons of Canada are now doing."

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The B of M is, of course, proud to have played its part in Julian Janvrin's success story, and is grateful to him for allowing us to publish it to indicate some of the many ways in which Canada's first bank works with Canadians—new and old alike—in every walk of life from coast to coast.

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